

# The Electronic Systems Center's *Hansconian*

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## Base Public Health office explains West Nile Virus

by Capt. Pamela Ward  
Public Health

With the findings of crows testing positive for the West Nile virus in Massachusetts, Hanscom Public Health office is keeping busy.

The discovery of the West Nile virus in Massachusetts is not surprising given that the virus has been found in an increasing number of birds and mosquitoes in the New York and Connecticut area, according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

West Nile encephalitis is a rare disease caused by a virus and was first identified in the United States in New York in August 1999. The virus normally occurs in Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa.

The virus is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. Only a small percentage of those bitten by an infected mosquito actually become ill.

This virus may cause a high fever, neck stiffness, disorientation, muscle weakness and convulsions.

The Hanscom Public Health office is working with the state and local public health offices on this issue.

The public health office conducts weekly mosquito trapings and submits samples for identification to the entomology lab at Brooks AFB, Texas.

In addition, the Massachusetts Department of Public monitors weekly mosquito and bird testing to identify specimens that are positive for the West Nile Virus in the surrounding

counties.

Fog spraying is also conducted on base Fridays from 4 to 6 a.m. to reduce the risk of being bitten by mosquitoes.

Below are a few suggestions given by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to reduce exposure to mosquito bites.

- ❑ Eliminate standing water around home that may act as an area for mosquito breeding.

- ❑ Dispose of or regularly empty metal cans, ceramic pots or other water containing vessels around property

- ❑ Drill holes in bottom of recycling containers stored outdoors to let water drain out

- ❑ Turn over wading pools and wheelbarrows when not in use

- ❑ Don't allow water to stagnate in birdbaths

- ❑ Clean clogged roof gutters to allow drainage of water

- ❑ Limit outdoor activities at dusk and dawn

- ❑ If necessary, wear long pants and long sleeves

- ❑ Fix holes in window and door screens

- ❑ Use a mosquito repellent containing DEET. Remember DEET can be toxic if overused, so follow directions on the label

- ❑ Never use DEET on infants

- ❑ Do not use products with DEET concentrations above 10 to 15 percent on children, or 30 to 35 percent for adults. Repellents last many hours. It is not necessary to reapply

- ❑ Once inside, wash off the repellent with soap and water.

For information or handouts, contact the Public Health office at 377-8062.

## Heroes induction to be held Monday

Five names will be added to the Hanscom Heroes Memorial Park during the annual induction ceremony Monday at 10 a.m. in the gazebo behind the base clinic.

Built in 1991, the park serves as a living monument to the members of the Hanscom family who served the Hanscom community during their lives. Each "Hanscom Hero" will be commemorated by a bronze plaque and a tree dedicated to his or her memory.

This year's honorees are: Haik Krikorian, Carmen G. Schipper, Barbara A. Stewart, Richard A. White and Louise Whynock.



photo by Tech. Sgt. Scott Lewis

**Electronic Systems Center's Command Chief Master Sgt. Frank W. Holmes Jr. and Senior Airman Tina Trujillo, executive assistant, practice bed racing techniques in preparation for the base's upcoming Sports Day Thursday. The bed race is one of several activities planned for that day.**

## Base to hold Sports Day Thursday

by Areece L. Peak  
ESC Public Affairs

Hanscom will celebrate Sports Day Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at various sites around the base.

This event is not only for military members and civilians, but contractors as well.

"Civilians assigned to the unit as well as contractors are more than welcome to participate," said Electronic Systems Center Command Chief Master Sergeant Frank W. Holmes Jr.

"The object of sports day is to give people time away from their work environment, developing fellowship and camaraderie," explained Chief Holmes. "We are trying to make Hanscom a stronger community."

Here is a list of the events that will take place:

- ❑ Softball games will be held at 9:30 a.m. at fields one and three.

- ❑ Kickboxing will be held in the base gymnasium at 11:30 a.m.

- ❑ Three-on-three basketball will be held in the base gymnasium at 12:30 p.m.

- ❑ Mini-golf will take place at the mini-golf course located behind Hanscom's bowling lanes at 12:30 p.m.

- ❑ The bed race will take place at 2 p.m.

All participants competing in the events will accrue points during the day. The organization with the most points will receive a prize and be declared the winner.

Chief Holmes will be an active participant in this event. "You can bring it on, but the chief is going to win," he said.

Food and beverages will be sold during the day by base organizations to help raise money for unit functions and awards.

For additional information on the events, contact Chief Holmes at 377-5115.



## Straight Talk

Straight Talk provides two-way communication between the 66th Air Base Wing commander and people on base.

A 24 hour-a-day telephone line and E-mail account (Hanscom STRAIGHT TALK) are set up as ways for Hanscom's population to submit questions, complaints or comments, anonymously, if desired. All concerns are personally reviewed by the wing commander.

However, the quickest and most efficient way to communicate comments or complaints is to go right to the source. To assist you, we've listed points of contact and telephone numbers for several key support organizations.

Also, don't forget your supervisor, commander or first sergeant. They're there to help you.

If you are not satisfied with the



Col. Danny K. Gardner  
66th Air Base Wing commander  
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## Commentary

### High Speed Internet

**Question:** Is there any news as to when Hanscom will be able to get high speed internet connections (Digital Subscriber Line or cable)?

Cablevision doesn't have us on their "rebuild" schedule yet, and although we are within the range for DSL, we can't get it because the base has both fiber-optic and copper lines.

A few months ago a "Straight Talk" column said they were working on getting the base high-speed Internet connection. Just wondering if there was any news.

**Response:** We touched on this issue in May and I thank you for following up. Defense Metro-

politan Area Telephone System Boston has an established project to examine options for high-speed Internet connections to Hanscom.

Verizon, Hanscom's telephone service provider, has been contacted and DMATS is attempting to accelerate local installation of new DSL technology using copper and fiber-optic lines.

DMATS has also been working with the contracting organization to establish the government's statement of these requirements and to determine available sources.

The government's request for proposals is expected to be released before the end of August.

As additional information becomes available, we will pass it to the community.

### AF leadership committed to care for all retirees

by Gen. Michael E. Ryan  
Air Force Chief of Staff

**Washington** — One of the biggest quality of life issues facing the Air Force today is health care.

For the retired members of our Air Force family, it is their number one concern — particularly having access to medical care after turning 65. Our retirees stood for America and fought the fight. We must find solutions to their health care needs because it is the right thing to do.

As committed as we are to addressing this issue of retiree benefits, we must also uphold our commitment to the American people to be fiscally responsible. Our goal is to provide a meaningful medical benefit, to include pharmacy coverage. Our challenge is to provide this without bankrupting the system. This is no small task.

There are many demonstration projects looking at alternative solutions. While these are promising, we must carefully evaluate the demonstrations before committing to their full implementation.

For example, the Tricare Senior Prime demonstration is proving popular with our retirees. However, we have sig-

nificant issues with funding and benefit design that need to be addressed before this can be a permanent solution.

There is concern that there is no cohesive plan to link the demonstrations together. The solution to senior retiree care should be an integrated mix of benefit options, not a one-plan-fits-all approach.

I am gratified to see that Congress shares our concern for providing health care benefits to our senior retirees. Numerous bills have been introduced this legislative session addressing this issue. Some bills call for a wide range of benefits without an identified plan for funding, while others call for a more modest benefit initially, accompanied by commitments for appropriate funding. A benefit without funding does not bring health care to our retirees. We must have congressional funding support.

The Air Force is not idly sitting by, but is aggressively pursuing solutions.

Our Surgeon General, Lt. Gen. Paul K. Carlton Jr., is pushing forward with creative options involving all parties who play a role in providing health care for seniors: the DoD, the Health Care Financing Agency and con-



Gen. Michael E. Ryan

tracted health plans. The Air Force Vice Chief of Staff, Gen. John Handy, also is pushing hard for solutions through the Defense Medical Oversight Committee, the tri-service oversight body for medical benefits and funding. There is still work to be done to reach our goals. Air Force senior leaders are taking the lead to work with our retirees, the other military services, Health Affairs and Congress to ensure appropriate health care benefits for all our members, including our senior retirees.

### Military Training Day set for Sept. 1

The training for Sept. 1 is:

#### □ Airman's Manual, Section 4, Fight -- After the Fight

After the attack -- conduct battle damage assessment, initiate sweep for Unexploded Ordnance, initiate self-aid and buddy care, notify control centers and leadership immediately of damage, casualties, wounded and mission-impacting damage.

**Did you know:** The appropriate action during a ground attack is:

- If in a vehicle, dismount with engine keys and take cover away from the vehicle return fire if possible.
- If in the clear, take cover in low lying ground (ditches or ravines) and return fire if possible.





# Hanscom to support local 'Space Day'

by Chuck Paone  
ESC Public Affairs

Tomorrow's "Space Day" in Tewksbury will be a chance for children 8 to 18 to learn and get excited about astronomy, aviation and meteorology, said the man who conceived and planned the event, Paul Manning.

The event is free and open to the public. It will be held outdoors in the Livingston Street Park in Tewksbury.

"Towns give sports a big shot in the arm, but scholastics don't get that same shot," Mr. Manning said. "I'm hoping this will change that."

Starting in late morning and running through 11 p.m., the day will feature presentations, demonstrations and displays of all sorts. There will be a planetarium, a rocket clinic, hot air balloons, helicopter displays and (for \$20) rides.

Space Day will, in addition to being educational, have a carnival-like atmosphere. Food and beverages will be available, and there will be a bounce house, novelty items, face painting and helium balloon launching for kids.

Hanscom's Lt. Col. Mike Stockwell, chief of the Business Operations Division of the Electronic Systems Center's Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Special Program Office, will be one of the featured presenters.

Colonel Stockwell will discuss the path to becoming an Air Force aviator and will also explain the Aerospace Expeditionary Force concept.

Colonel Stockwell will offer his presentation four times during the afternoon, the first at noon

and the last at 5:20 p.m.

"I'm excited to speak to the teenagers because they're at such an impressionable age as they gather information to form their adult years," Colonel Stockwell said. "By taking the time to present our experiences and careers at events like this, it gives these young adults a snapshot into a particular career, in my case, the United States Air Force. It takes some of the guesswork away and allows real life decisions to be made on real life experiences."

"It also is a pleasure speaking about my Air Force to folks of any age that might not normally get the opportunity to talk to active duty personnel. It's a great way to not only pass on information to folks, but to "re-blue" myself as I get to proudly wear the uniform in public and brag about the Air Force and Hanscom."

Other featured presenters are John Kelly, former security officer aboard Air Force One; WHDH Channel 7 meteorologist Todd Gross; and astronaut Hank Hartsfield Jr.

Slide presentations, including Colonel Stockwell's, and some other features will take place in the auditorium of the Wynn Middle School, which is just a short walk away from the park.

To get there from Hanscom, take Rte. 128 North to Rte. 38, following it toward Wilmington and Tewksbury. Stay on Rte. 38 until you reach the Tewksbury Golf Course, then turn right onto Livingston Street. The Park is one-quarter mile up. Parking is available there. Additional parking will be available at the state hospital, located at the end of Livingston Street, and a free shuttle bus will run from there.



photo by Linda LaBonte-Britt

## As easy as it gets ...

**Master Sgt. Timothy Marks, 66th Security Forces Squadron, helps a base motorist register her vehicle during a 'drive up' registration in the kennels parking lot near Hartwell Gate. Security Forces is scheduled to have another 'drive up' registration in the Base Exchange parking lot today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Motorists can also register their vehicle in the Pass and ID office in the Brown Building between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.**

## Hansconians join 'Aim High' team to cycle across Iowa

by Carolyn Quinn  
ESC Public Affairs

It begins with a dip of the back tire into the Missouri River and ends with the front tire being dipped into the Mississippi River.

This is the tradition of the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa.

The 490-mile ride, from Council Bluffs to Burlington, Iowa, takes place during the last week of July.

The three riders from Hanscom, who helped to make up team "Aim High" Air Force, are Capt. Brian Peters, Information Programs action officer, Capt. Gerald Sullivan, Combat Air Force's Command and Control Systems, and Capt. David VanAmeyden, chief of Airborne Warning and Control System sensors.

In the 28-year history of this event, team "Aim High" Air Force has participated in the past six.

The goals of the Air Force team are to promote good will toward the military, recruit for the Air Force and to have a good time.

This year's Air Force team was comprised of 125 riders from

bases all over the country. In total, there were over 10,000 riders taking part in this event.

The Des Moines Register, a local newspaper, started the ride 28 years ago with two reporters and some of their friends making the long journey. Today, the ride is still sponsored by the paper and has grown dramatically in size.

Team "Aim High" Air Force was organized by Lt. Col. Stu Carter of Scott AFB, Ill, and is co-sponsored by former Secretary of the Air Force, Sheila Widnall.

"We [the Air Force Team] were very glad to have such great support from various Air Force agencies all the way up to the former Secretary of the Air Force.

That having Dr. Widnall along with the other senior officers on the team, made the experience that much better," said Captain Peters.

Team "Aim High" Air Force is open to any active-duty member. However, available spaces fill up quickly and teams are encouraged to apply early.

Information can be found on the event's website at <http://www.RAGBRAI.org>.

## Two officers complete Ironman event

by Carolyn Quinn  
Esc Public Affairs

Capt. Spencer Cocanour, chief of Test and Operations Sustainment for MILASAT-COM Terminal Program Office, and 1st Lt. Jeannie Connor, Electronic Systems Center Protocol officer, competed in the Ironman USA Triathlon in Lake Placid, N.Y., on July 30.

Participants have 17 hours to complete the three events. Competitors start with a 2.4-mile swim at 7 a.m., then a 112-mile bicycle ride and finish with a 26.2-mile run that all must be completed by mid-

night.

Captain Cocanour has always been interested in the Ironman Triathlon and has participated in two before.

Since May he had been putting 15 to 20 hours a week into his training.

Lieutenant Connor began running while on temporary duty in Saudi Arabia in February and continued to train up until the triathlon.

"I enjoyed it more than I thought I would. It was nice to cross the finish line," said Lieutenant Connor about her first triathlon.

Of the 1,500 people compet-

ing, Lieutenant Connor finished 979th overall and 34th in her age group. Captain Cocanour placed 92nd overall and 15th in his age group.

Lieutenant Connor finished the swim in 1:20:18, the bike race in 6:47:44, and the run in 5:08:22 for a combined time of 13:25:05.

Captain Cocanour finished the swim in 59:58, the bicycle portion in 5:23:25, and the run in 3:49:07 for a total time of 10:21:00.

After all of the hard work, Captain Cocanour says, "it's a lot of fun, especially when it's over."

## Magazine seeks personal Gulf War photos

Air Force Magazine is preparing to print "Gulf War Scrapbook," a candid look back at that conflict of a decade ago.

Previously the magazine has produced scrapbooks on World War II (September 1995), the Korean War (July 1996) and the Vietnam War (October 1996). Each of these features has proved to be popular with readers.

The magazine seeks personal snapshots (not official photos) from current AFA members who are veterans of the Gulf War. Pictures from all

members - you must be a current AFA member to qualify - but the magazine is especially interested in those of enlisted personnel and junior officers. The pictures will be copied and originals returned promptly.

Mail photos and detailed descriptions by Nov. 15 to Air Force Magazine, 1501 Lee Highway, Arlington, Va. 22209-1198.

Be sure to include a telephone number with submissions. Envelopes should be clearly marked, "Gulf War Scrapbook."

# Wing announces second quarter award winners

by Senior Airman Katy Reynolds  
66th Air Base Wing

The 66th Air Base Wing announced its second quarter award winners at a breakfast Aug. 4.

The Airman of the Quarter award goes to Airman 1st Class Corey A. Lyman.

Airman Lyman of the 66th Civil Engineer Squadron works as an electrical systems journeyman.

He was a key member of the massive \$20 million "Pole Away" effort which improved electrical reliability and aesthetics for the base.

Airman Lyman volunteered to serve at Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait, in support of Operation Southern Watch.

There he performed escort duty, which greatly improved the contract labor's security and reliability.

The NCO of the Quarter award goes to Staff Sgt. Albert E. DeMello.

Sergeant DeMello of the 66th Security Forces Squadron is a law enforcement patrolman and military working dog handler.

He won "top honors" when representing Air Force Materiel Command at the 2000 Department of Defense K-9 competition held at

Lackland AFB, Texas.

While deployed to the 9th Air Expeditionary Group, Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait, he was awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal for outstanding performance as an explosive detection dog handler.

The Senior NCO of the Quarter award goes to Master Sgt. Jennifer A. Hooks.

Sergeant Hooks from the 66th Medical Group is NCOIC of the Dental Flight.

She efficiently managed a \$300,000 equipment account and a \$100,000 operating budget, including a \$14,000 dental lab budget ensuring accomplishment of the dental mission and readiness of Hanscom's active-duty population.

Sergeant Hooks is an advisor to the Minuteman Technical Vocational School of Dental Assisting and Forsyth College dental hygiene programs and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in health information at Northeastern University.

The Company Grade Officer of the Quarter award goes to 1st Lt. Brian M. Smith.

Lieutenant Smith is the chief of the Environmental Compliance office, 66th Civil Engineer Squadron.

He set up and coordinated base-wide major accident response, natural disaster, hazardous materials and munitions exercises, and served as a liaison between 66th Air Base Wing commander and Electronic Systems Center's Inspector General office during the development phase.

Lieutenant Smith is an active member of the Patriot Honor Guard.

The Civilian of the Quarter, Category I award goes to Darrel D. Kelly.

Mr. Kelly is from the 66th Civil Engineer Squadron's Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning Flight.

He installs, maintains, tests, troubleshoots, repairs and calibrates critical, highly-complex systems for heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

He repaired environmental controls at the communications facility, preventing \$3 million in equipment damage.

The Civilian of the Quarter, Category II goes to Gregory A. Cravedi.

Mr. Cravedi of the 66th Civil Engineer Squadron is the community planner.

He led the military construction IPT in support of the Facilities Utilization Board by researching data, briefing at general officer level and

making sure Hanscom was in solid position to continue a strong MIL-CON program.

Mr. Cravedi prepared an \$11 million program document for much-needed infrastructure repairs at the base school.

The Civilian of the Quarter, Category III award goes to Stanley Dreher.

Mr. Dreher from the 66th Services Squadron is a food service worker with the youth and child-care programs.

He delivers meals in a timely manner, assuring health and safety standards are met for over 300 Hanscom youth and childcare children daily.

The Volunteer of the Quarter award goes to Senior Master Sgt. Guy Case.

Sergeant Case, 66th Mission Support Squadron, is the base individual mobilization augmentee administrator.

He is vice president for both the Air Force Sergeant's Association Chapter 161 and Hanscom's Top Three.

Sergeant Case is the creator and organizer of Hanscom's Adopt-A-Ward for the Veterans Association.

The Officer Honor Guard

Member of the Quarter award goes to Second Lt. Jose A. Corella.

Lieutenant Corella is a member of Electronic Systems Center and works as a program manager for Delay and Denial Systems in the Force Protection System Program Office.

This month he has already completed eight honor guard details.

Without his extensive practice and flawless performance, the Flag Day Ceremony would not have been accomplished with such outstanding results.

The Enlisted Honor Guard of the Quarter award goes to Senior Airman Patricia Feller.

Airman Feller from the Air Force Research Laboratory works as a client and server support administrator.

To date she has performed more details than any other member of the flight.

While on details she is consistently the most knowledgeable and experienced member and is always willing to take an active role in any capacity.

She is Blue Flight's primary trainer for flag folding, firing teams, pall bearing and flag presenting.



Airman 1st Class Corey A. Lyman



Staff Sgt. Albert E. DeMello



Master Sgt. Jennifer A. Hooks



1st Lt. Brian M. Smith



Darrel D. Kelly



Gregory A. Cravedi



Stanley Dreher



Senior Master Sgt. Guy Case



2nd Lt. Jose A. Corella



Senior Airman Patricia Feller



# Base augmentees support the 66th Security Forces Squadron

By Areece L. Peak  
ESC Public Affairs

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Several base squadrons are actively involved in supporting the 66th Security Forces Squadron's augmentee program.

This Air Force program augments certain career fields during critical times. For the 66th Security Forces Squadron this would occur during increased threat conditions, both real-world and exercise, to meet

additional posting requirements.

During increased threat conditions, a number of additional security measures are in place. This could include increased patrolling of the base to complete searches of vehicles entering the installation. These actions are designed to provide a safer environment for people on base, more security for resources and to increase the manpower needed for both.

Augmentees must attend regular training days that include annual weapons qualifica-

tion and classroom lectures on security force duties

In addition a briefing of other pertinent information related to their job is given before assuming post, according to Staff Sergeant Stephen Parsons, 66th Security Forces Squadron unit training manager.

Unit readiness managers, in conjunction with security forces, established training days throughout the year to make sure personnel are properly trained to perform

duties as security force members.

The unit readiness manager is responsible for contacting augmentee members to make sure their weapons qualification is updated and training requirements are completed.

To participate in the program, an augmentee must get approval from his supervisor and unit readiness manager.

For information on volunteering for the security forces augmentee program, contact unit readiness managers.

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## Police Corner

by Staff Sgt. Thomas E. Comber III  
66th Security Forces Squadron

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The Police Corner is a synopsis of significant activities developed from reports, complaints, incidents or information received from July 27 to Aug. 2.

Reports and incidents:

❑ Security forces responded to and investigated one minor vehicle accident and one minor vehicle and fixed object accident on base.

❑ Security forces responded to the theft of a cable box on base.

❑ Security forces responded and assisted in an incident involving an alleged victim of sexual misconduct. The Office of Special Investigations took control of the scene and referred the incident to Family Advocacy.

❑ Security forces responded to a report of a medical emergency in the housing area. The individual was treated at the scene of the incident.

❑ Security forces responded to a complaint of loud noise in the housing area. Subject was contacted and advised to keep the music down.

❑ Security forces assisted the Fire Department on a fire alarm received from a government building on base.

❑ Security forces responded to nine 911 hang-ups. Everything was in order in all incidents.

# Lexington Minuteman

*American icon hand-crafted as going-away gift*

by Chuck Paone  
ESC Public Affairs



**Above:** Maj. Gen. Ted McFarland, Electronics Systems Center vice commander, goes over records with Denise Beaudry, ESC command staff, with his new statuette in the background. **Right:** Close up view of the hand-crafted Lexington Minuteman.



An approximately one-foot high statuette of the Concord Minuteman is one of the gifts often given to Hanscom employees when they depart. But outgoing Electronic Systems Center Vice Commander Maj. Gen. Ted McFarland told his staff he'd prefer a replica of the Lexington Minuteman.

Well, after placing a lot of calls to a lot of organizations, the general's staff found out that, except for an extremely miniature version, there is no Lexington Minuteman statuette available.

At that point, most people would have given up, but Denise Beaudry, General McFarland's secretary for the past three-plus years, did not.

"He's so unpretentious, and he never asks for anything," Ms. Beaudry said. "So when he had this one special request, we just had to find a way."

Thus Ms. Beaudry decided to make a Lexington Minuteman statuette herself.

Although she'd never done this sort of thing before, she purchased sculpting clay, some tools, paint and glaze. Then she went home and began crafting.

"I had a Concord Minuteman statue and a picture of the Lexington Minuteman, so I worked from those and just started molding," she said. "The first head I made looked like the Cowardly Lion [from the Wizard of Oz], so I twisted it off and started over."

The next version was much better, so she placed it in the oven and baked it.

After waiting for it to cool, she painted it and glazed it. She put it on the general's desk the next morning.

General McFarland will now take the hand-crafted mini-Minuteman with him to his new assignment as the principal assistant deputy undersecretary of the Air Force for International Affairs in Washington.

"We'll all miss him," Ms. Beaudry said.

## Monday

### Military Personnel Flight closed

The 66th Mission Support Squadron's Military Personnel Flight will be closed to business for remodeling Monday through Aug. 18.

Normal business will resume Aug. 21 at 7:30 a.m. However, the Customer Service Unit will remain open during 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to process identification cards and offer its standard services.

If you need emergency assistance, stop by the Customer Service Unit in Bldg. 1305, first floor, or call 377-3513 or 377-2277.

This remodeling will "right size" the MPF working environment and enhance both customer support and work center productivity.

## Wednesday

### Breastfeeding information

The La Leche League offers breastfeeding information and support at their monthly meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center.

This month's topic is "Nutrition and Weaning."

The meeting is open to pregnant and nursing mothers. Babies are welcome.

Call Mary Ellen at 274-9321 for information.

## Upcoming and Weeklies

### Deployment positions available

The Military Personnel Flight is seeking volunteers to support upcoming contingency TDY deployment requirements to Saudi Arabia.

There are five slots available for the next 45-day deployment for individuals to perform duties as a third country national escort with a projected departure date of Oct. 10.

These opportunities are open to staff sergeants and below, and all Air Force specialties are eligible to apply.

These will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and volunteers must have supervisor and unit commander approval.

All eligible NCOs and airmen are encouraged to consider volunteering for this opportunity to see the Air Force from the "warfighters" perspective.

Contact Master Sgt. Christopher Thuma or Staff Sgt. Lawrence Chagnon at 377-3080 or 377-7976 for information, or stop by Bldg. 1305, second floor.

### Physical exams for children

If you have children attending summer camp, enrolling into summer or fall sports, or attending kindergarten this fall then the 66th Medical Group has a deal for you.

This summer, the 66th Medical Group will sponsor four weekend physical exam schedules to help meet your children's needs.

Continuing August 19, the Hanscom Clinic will offer physical exam appointments from 8 a.m. to noon for children four years and older.

If you are in TRICARE Prime and want to take advantage of this offer, then phone 377-7059 and push one to schedule your appointment.

### Retirement ceremony

There will be a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Alan F. Holmes Aug. 24 at 2 p.m.

at the "M" Building Atrium at Mitre Corporation, Bedford.

Dress will be uniform of the day for military and business dress for civilians. A reception will follow.

For information call Steve Lewis at 186-6055.

### Band schedule

The Air Force Band of Liberty's Summer 2000 schedule has been announced. The next five concerts are listed below.

□ Mattacheese Band Shell, West Yarmouth, today at 7:30 p.m.

□ Heritage Plantation, Sandwich, Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

□ Manchester Bicentennial Band Stand, Manchester, Conn., Sunday at 7 p.m.

□ Burlington Common, Burlington, Tuesday at 7 p.m.

□ City Hall Plaza, Boston, Wednesday at 7 p.m.

### Lexington-Bedford-Hanscom Raiders football and cheerleading program

The season is about to begin and there are still openings for boys and girls ages 7 to 15.

Sign-ups will be held at Hayden Lower Field in Lexington starting August 1 at 6 p.m.

Practice will run the whole month of August, Monday through Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.

After Labor Day, practices will move to Hanscom Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

For information, call 862-4937, e-mail at [LBHRaider@aol.com](mailto:LBHRaider@aol.com) or visit [www.lbhpop-warner.com](http://www.lbhpop-warner.com).

### The Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program

The Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program is available to the Hanscom community.

WIC provides free food and nutrition information to help keep pregnant women, infants and children under five healthy and strong.

Although the WIC van no longer visits the base, full services are still available at the following locations:

□ Chelmsford Street in Lowell, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For directions call (978) 454-6397.

□ Waltham's WIC office is located at the Deaconess Hospital, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday from 12:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. For directions call (781) 647-6508.

To find out about eligibility or to make an appointment, call one of these offices.

### National Space Club scholarship contest

The National Space Club is soliciting entries for the Robert H. Goddard Historical Essay Award.

Essays may explore any significant aspect of the historical development of rocketry and astronautics, and will be judged on their originality and scholarship.

They cannot be more than 5,000 words long, must be fully referenced and submitted by Dec. 1.

The prize is a plaque and \$1,000 award.

For information, contact the Goddard His-

torical Essay Contest, c/o National Space Club, 2000 L Street NW, Suite 710, Washington, D.C., 20036.

### Old Crows golf tournament

The Association of Old Crows will be holding a golf tournament this fall at Wentworth by the Sea in Rye, N.H., Sept. 25 with sign-in at 7 a.m.

The shotgun start will be at 7:30 a.m. with a buffet at 2 p.m.

Format is four-person scramble.

Cost per person is \$125 industry and \$75 government.

For information or to sign-up, contact Phil LaVallo at 377-5533 or (603) 893-0897, or Mike Sweat at 685-4845.

### Tax help offered

The tax section of the Retiree Activities Office remains open to assist tax payers who either filed for a delay, need to amend returns already filed or have received letters from the IRS mandating a revision to the original return.

Assistance is by appointment only.

For information, call 377-2476.

### Voting Assistance line established

A voting assistance line has been established at 377-VOTE (8683) to help potential voters get registered.

Anyone who has a question or problem can call the line and leave a message including their name and phone number. A voting counselor will call you back by the next business day.

### Government-wide Purchase Card Program Training

A cardholder training class will be held Aug. 22 at 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

A billing official training class will be held Aug. 23 at 8 a.m. to noon.

To reserve seats, sign-up on the CenterNet at <http://esc.hanscom.af.mil/PKO> or call 377-

3085.

### CFC road race and fun walk

The Greater Boston Federal Executive Board will sponsor the fifth annual 5K Road Race and Fun Walk to benefit the nation's largest workplace charitable campaign, the Combined Federal Campaign, Sept. 20 at 5:30 p.m.

The race will start and end at the Lee Pool on the Charles River.

Registration materials can be obtained from the GBFEB website at <http://www.boston.feb.gov>.

### EC-47 Association reunion

The EC-47 Association is a group of former crewmembers of the EC-47 aircraft, both ground crew and aircrew.

The mission of the EC-47 was at the time, classified "top secret" and consisted of airborne radio direction finding and intelligence gathering beginning in South Vietnam in mid-1966 and extending to Thailand and ending May 15, 1974.

Missions were flown over South Vietnam, portions of North Vietnam and Laos.

The EC-47 Association reunion will be held at the Best Western Oak Hills in San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 28, 29 and 30.

For information, contact J.C. Wheeler at (501) 754-3507, or email at [jc@ec47.com](mailto:jc@ec47.com).

### Family Services seeks volunteers

Are you looking for a rewarding experience that does not require a lot of time?

Would you like to work among adults for a few hours each week, while your preschoolers enjoy a few hours of interaction with others their own age?

At Family Services, you can enjoy meeting and helping many new people and your children can interact with others at a certified on base Childcare facility, or provider.

For volunteering your time, Family Services will pay for your childcare.

For information, call the Family Services

## Colonial



## Theater

Friday 7:30 p.m. -- ME, MYSELF AND IRENE - When he forgets to take his medication, Charlie, a Rhode Island state trooper with multiple personality disorder, finds himself fighting his alter-ego. One personality is crazy and aggressive, while the other is more friendly and laid back. Both personalities fall in love with Irene. R (sexual content, crude humor, strong language and some violence) 116 min Starring: Jim Carrey, Renee Zellweger

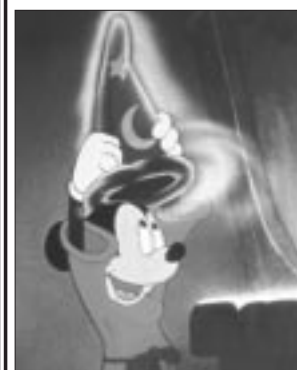


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Saturday 7:30 p.m. -- FANTASIA 2000 - In this update of the 1940's animated Disney classic film is the mixture of animation and music. New interpretations of works of music are presented. Set to the music of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, The Pines of Rome, Rhapsody in Blue, Piano Concerto No. 2, Pomp and Circumstance and The Firebird. Mickey Mouse stars in the sorcerer's apprentice and Donald Duck is noah's assistant. G 74 min Animated

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Schedule is subject to change without notice. Call 377-7940 for movie information.



Fitness Enhancement

❑ A **back safety class** will be held at the HAWC Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m.

Learn to build a stronger, more flexible, more fit back.

Call 377-6560 to register.

❑ **Carpal tunnel prevention** will be held at the HAWC Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Carpal tunnel syndrome is a health hazard afflicting many office workers today.

If you work on a computer and are concerned about injuring your wrists come to the carpal tunnel syndrome prevention class.

Call 377-6560 to register.

❑ **Stress free with Tai-Chi** will be held at the HAWC Wednesday from 12 to 1 p.m.

Easily learn step-by-step the Tai-Chi movements that will help you manage and possibly prevent stress in your daily life.

Whether you are young or old, the non-strenuous movements and breathing techniques presented can and will relax your body and inner feelings.

The results? Improved digestion, better blood circulation and increased efficiency of your body's internal organs.

Call 377-6560 to register.

❑ **Fitness center orientation** will be held at the HAWC Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m.

Get comfortable with the exercise equipment, tour the facility and become familiar with various exercise options.

Let the staff answer your questions and get a start to increasing your physical activity.

Call 377-6560 to register.

❑ **Zyban-tobacco cessation class** is scheduled at the Hanscom Clinic Thursday from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Preregister for screening and education for prescription of this non-nicotine, tobacco cessation medication.

For reservations call 377-6560.

For any questions concerning the medication, contact Colleen Miller at the nurses station at 377-7059.

❑ **Cholesterol screening** will be held at the HAWC Friday from 8 to 10 a.m.

Call 377-6560 for an appointment.

❑ **Fitness 101** will be held at the HAWC Friday from 11 a.m. to noon.

Have you been thinking about starting an exercise program but just can't seem to get it in gear?

This class will help you find the basic information you need to get started.

Topics will include choosing the right activity for you; finding the right kind of shoes for that activity; aerobic exercise prescription principles; flexibility and weight training fundamentals; fitting fitness into a busy schedule; and injury prevention/management.

Registration is required, so call 377-6560.

Relocation

❑ **Newcomers' "T" adventure** is scheduled at the Family Support Center Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Newcomers are invited to a fun, informational seminar to find out what is going on at Hanscom and in Boston.

Afterward, ride into Boston using the "T." All you'll need is an adventurous spirit and \$4 for bus and subway fares.

You can bring a lunch or purchase lunch downtown.

This program is part of the community orientation for inprocessing; newly arrived service members do not have to take leave to attend.

Call 377-4222 to register.

❑ **Sponsor training** will be held at the Family Support Center Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m.

Learn what to expect, what is expected of you, and what base resources can be used to ensure incoming service personnel and families have a smooth move to Hanscom.

A prerequisite for all sponsors.

Call for an individual appointment if you cannot make the scheduled class.

Call 377-4222 to register.

❑ **Inbound relocation seminar** is scheduled at the Family Support Center Friday from 9 to 10 a.m.

Receive an official introduction to Hanscom's settling in services for new arrivals: local community information, spouse employment, volunteer opportunities, homefinding and budgeting.

Parenting

❑ **Bundles for baby** will be held at the Family Support Center Wednesday from 8 a.m. to noon.

A workshop for expectant parents in their second and third trimester of pregnancy.

Participants will receive information from the Base Pediatric Clinic, Child Development Center and Family Support Center to ease the planning process for the precious arrival.

Air Force and Navy parents receive a baby gift package.

Call 377-4222 to register.

❑ **Prepared childbirth class** (session four) will be held at the HAWC Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.

For TRICARE patients in their third trimester of pregnancy, fathers and coaches.

Covers stages of labor, coaching, breathing techniques, medications for pain, cesarean birth and postpartum adjustment.

Call 377-6560 to register.

Employment

❑ **Myers-Briggs type indicator: Choosing and changing careers** will be held at the Family Support Center Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m.

Choosing a job or changing a career is a major life transition.

The more you understand about yourself, the better your decisions will be.

Take the Myers-Briggs type indicator to learn your personality preferences.

This can help you choose a new career or find greater satisfaction in a present career.

Call 377-4222 to register.

Education Center, Bldg. 1728,  
377-2021

❑ **The Education Office testing policy** requires students to arrive on time for scheduled test sessions.

It is the student's responsibility to report on time and our responsibility to ensure the students in the room are not disturbed by interruptions.

Late arrivals will not be allowed to enter the test room. All students taking exams should arrive at least 15 minutes before test time. Doors will close at 8 a.m. for the morning session and again at 12:30 p.m. for the afternoon session.

All exams start at 8 a.m., individuals should arrive by 7:45 a.m.

For information or schedule exams, call Education Services at 377-3120.

Thrift Shop, 274-8079

❑ The Minuteman Thrift Shop's normal business hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for sales and consignments.

The Minuteman Thrift Shop is currently accepting summer-weight clothing for consignment.

For information, call the Thrift Shop at 274-8079.

Hanscom Homeschoolers

❑ A support group is available on Hanscom for home schooling families.

The support group enables families to come together for field trips, social events and other educational opportunities.

The group also holds monthly mom's meetings.

The mission is to provide encouragement, information and support for those families who choose to educate their children at home.

For information contact Mynette Eledui at 274-8608.

Patriot Enlisted Association

❑ The PEA is an open forum for technical sergeant's and below to discuss ideas and issues as peers. We foster teamwork, cama-

raderie for each other and the Hanscom community so we can make the difference happen. As a body of peers we can put a voice to housing, community involvement and quality of life issues to the ESC command chief master sergeant.

For information contact Staff Sgt. Chris Kanski at 377-4923 or e-mail [Chris.Kanski@hanscom.af.mil](mailto:Chris.Kanski@hanscom.af.mil).

Patriot Senior NCO Association

❑ The association is a professional membership association for senior noncommissioned officers, active duty and retired.

The group actively supports the men and women of Hanscom and the surrounding communities. The Top Three also serves as a base network for problem solving and encourages comradeship.

Meetings are held the last Tuesday of every month at the Enlisted Club.

For information, call Master Sgt. Maureen Garrison at 377-2283.

Company Grade Officers' Council

❑ The Company Grade Officers' Council is made up of all lieutenants and captains in the Air Force. You need not do anything to become a member - you are one by default. How much you participate in this organization is up to you.

The CGOC tries to get involved in a wide variety of activities from community service and social gatherings to professional military development. So, if you're interested in any of this, come to one of the meetings.

For information, contact the CGOC Executive Board: 2nd Lt. Jeremy Miller, president, 377-1668; 2nd Lt. Malcolm Mangels, vice president, 377-8384; - 2nd Lt. Sarah Kreps, executive officer 377-6933; 2nd Lt. Liane Witt, assistant executive officer, 377-4704 and 2nd Lt. Kyle Oyama, treasurer, 271-1186 Ext. 8391.

Chapel, Bldg. 1603, 3-3538

❑ **Catholic Masses:** Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 7:30 and 11 a.m. and weekdays at 12:05 p.m.

❑ **Protestant worship:** general Protestant Service — Sundays at 9 a.m.; Gospel Service — Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

❑ **Jewish services:** the first and third Friday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

❑ **Eastern Orthodox:** for information contact Tech. Sgt. James M. Boubonis at 274-8714.

❑ **For information** on Chapel services, call 3-3538 or 3-3539.

Chapel Events

*Religious Education classes*

Religious education classes will begin Sept. 10.

Registration for classes will take place at the Chapel.

The Catholic community will register students from age 4 through high school before and after Mass on the following days: August 19, 20 and 27 and September 2, 3, 9 and 10.

The Protestant community will register students age 4 through high school beginning Sunday.

Registration forms will be available on the Chapel easels and in the Annex.

For information on the religious education programs or registration dates, call the Chapel at 377-3538.

*People's Corner*

Congratulations to the newest procurement contracting officers: **Priscilla Busa, Capt. Brenda Kurtyka and Maj. Mark Wade.**

The Contracting Directorate congratulates the newest GS-13s: **Rick Andreoli, Donna Beaudoin, Priscilla Busa, Dorothy Febbi and Robert Toombs.**



## What's Happening

### Hanscom Lanes

Fall and winter leagues will form soon and league play will begin the week of Sept. 11.

Sign up now at Hanscom Lanes. For information call 377-2237.

### Bike giveaway set for Sept. 1

The Junior's Summer Bowl continues and is open to all youth up to 18 years.

Membership fee is \$10. For every 30 games bowled, enter one chance to win a new bike.

A girl's and boy's bike will be given away Sept. 1.

### Patriot Golf Course

Need to work on your golf game?

Then call us at 687-2396 for details.

Looking for that special gift for the golfer in your life? Stop by our Golf Shop for a price that's right.

Don't forget to show your Preferred Plus membership card to save even more.

### Air Force Marathon

The fourth annual Air Force Marathon will be held at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, Sept. 16.

Open to all individual runners, walkers, relay runners, teams and wheelchair athletes.

For information call the Fitness Center at 377-3639, log onto the marathon website at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil> or call (800) 467-1823.

### Family Child Care

Do you love working with children? Would you like to operate your own business out of your home?

If your answer is yes, then becoming a Family Child Care Provider is for you.

Call Julie at 377-1695 for information.

### Patriot Enlisted Club

Steak night is every Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Join us for Wednesday night buffet from 5 to 7 p.m.

Preferred Plus members don't forget to show your card and receive a 10 percent discount.

Join us in the Tuskegee Room Thursday for a Mongolian barbecue from 5 to 7 p.m.

\$7.95 for adults and \$3.95 for children ages 6 to 12.

BINGO will remain closed during the month of August and play will resume Sept. 11.

### Base pool prepares for winter

The pool will close Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. to prepare for the fall and winter season.

Look for the reopening on or around October 1.

### Mini-golf will close Sept. 4

Sept. 4 is the last day of the season for the mini-golf complex.

# Lodging accommodates new arrivals

by J.C. Corcoran  
66th Services Squadron

Picture this. You've just spent four hours on a crowded airplane where the nuts were stale, the ride was bumpy and the two kids in the seat behind you kicked and cried ever since take-off.

You waited for a ride, which never came and ended up taking an overly expensive cab ride from Logan to Hanscom.

Oh, your luggage was also the last bag off the plane. Sound familiar?

Then you'll agree that the last thing you want or need is to arrive at Hanscom and face an unfriendly desk clerk, and accommodations that just aren't right.

Well for anyone who has been associated with the military for any length of time, the scenario above has probably happened.

At Hanscom, there may not be anyone able to do anything about the stale nuts, crying children, late bags and expensive cab rides; however, every effort is made to ensure that new arrivals have a nice greeting and room.

Ken Sylvia, Hanscom's Lodging manager, is the man charged with this responsibility.

"Although the sign doesn't reflect it, lodging is the unofficial welcome center

of Hanscom," said Mr. Sylvia. "You're first contact starts at the gate with the 66th Security Forces [Squadron], but after that we're usually the first stop on any visitors agenda. Our mission here is to make sure that you're greeted warmly and that everything is ready for you when you check-in."

Mr. Sylvia has been with the government for 32 years, many as a military member of the Air Force, and has had his share of lodging experiences.

Originally from New Orleans, Mr. Sylvia has been a member of the 66th Services Squadron for over 11 years.

Before taking on the job of Lodging manager, he worked as the manager of the Patriot Dining Hall, which under his leadership captured the coveted "Gold Plate" award as the best in Air Force Materiel Command.

His goal now is to do the same at lodging by winning the "Gold Key" award from AFMC and then the top prize from Air Force, the "Innkeeper Award."

"Because of all the renovations and upgrades going on at lodging, we're naturally not ready to compete for that top spot, but as things progress and the renovations get done, we'll be setting our sights on bringing home the gold to Hanscom," said Mr. Sylvia.

Renovations at lodging will improve



Ken Sylvia

the facilities here and offer a more relaxing and comfortable place to stay for those who come to Hanscom on either a permanent or temporary status.

For updates on the progress of the lodging reconstruction and availability of temporary quarters, call the office at 377-2112.



Are you saving 10% yet?

*If you're a Preferred Plus! member don't forget to fill out an entry form for the monthly drawing.*

*The August prize is a mini-stereo system!*

*Entry forms are printed in the Services' monthly newsletter, Spotlights.*

*If you're not a member, then stop by any Services facility and ask for an application form.*

*Drawings are held the last work day of each month.*

*For information on Preferred Plus!, call Services Marketing at 377-9681.*



*Join at the Enlisted Club for all the fun and excitement of Monday Night Football with Football Frenzy 2000 from 6 p.m. to midnight beginning Sept. 11.*

*Enter to win a chance for some great prizes and a chance to attend a regular season game, the Super Bowl or the Pro Bowl!*



### Trips

Nantucket, Saturday  
Majestic Maine Cruise, Aug. 19  
Spirit of Boston, Aug. 23  
2000 Love Boat Theme Cruise  
Splendid Newport R.I., Sept. 10  
New Orleans Getaway and  
Myrtle Beach Escape, Oct. 8 to 14

### Amusement Parks

Six Flags, Water Country,  
Roger Williams Zoo,  
Hershey Park, Sesame Place,  
York's Wild Animal Kingdom  
and Funtown USA  
Disney tickets and  
museum and movie passes are  
also available.

**Call 377-3262**

## Leisure travel agent position

Part time 25 hours a week  
Experience in air, cruise and tours  
preferred  
E.O.E.

Fax Resume to  
274-6048

Attention: Hal Williamson

## Help Wanted!

*Child and school-age care givers*  
\$9.43 an hour with benefit package

*Cooks*

\$8.70 to \$10.24 an hour  
E.O.E.

Fax resume to 377-7899  
Call NAF HRO at 377-8741